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1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FULL ASSESSMENT OF COMPLAINT
REPORTED REFTEL A WHICH DEPARTMENT STATED WOULD FOLLOW
EXAMINATION OF TEXT OF JAPAN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND
MATERIALS CONTROL LAW (ENCLOSURE TO REFAIR B). WE CONTINUE
RECEIVE COMPLAINTS ABOUT JAPANESE STANDARDS FOR ELECTRICAL
PRODUCTS IN GENERAL AND WISH PURSUE THIS MATTER ON BASIS OF
SPECIFIC COMPLAINT REPORTED REFTEL A.

2. EMBASSY ALSO INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENT'S PRELIMINARY
ASSESSMENT THAT REQUIREMENT FOR JAPANESE-MADE LINE CORDS AND
PLUGS TO BE AFFIXED TO REFRIGERATORS UPON IMPORT AND
PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION TO RETAILERS VIOLATES NATIONAL
TREATMENT PROVISION OF GATT ARTICLE III. EMBASSY BELIEVES
JAPANESE WILL ARGUE THAT SINCE CONFORMANCE TO STANDARDS
REQUIRED OF DOMESTIC AS COULD AS IMPORTED PRODUCTS, LATTER
ARE "ACCORDED TREATMENT NO LESS FAVORABLE THAN THAT ACCORDED
TO LIKE PRODUCTS OF NATIONAL ORIGIN." COMMENT WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.

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